

Nutrition/Health Volume
Food Package Section

Cash Value Benefit/Voucher (CVB/CVV) (2.06950)

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POLICY: The local agency shall issue, in addition to Food Instruments (FI), a cash value benefit/vouchers (CVB/CVV) to all WIC children and women participants to be redeemed at WIC approved vendors to purchase fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables.

PROCEDURES:

- A. In addition to the FI issued to WIC participants, the Cash Value Benefit/Vouchers (CVB/CVV) shall be issued to all children and women participants in the following issuance amounts:
 1. \$8.00 to children 1 through 4 years old.
 2. \$10.00 to pregnant and partially breastfeeding women (up to 1 year post-partum).
 3. \$10.00 to post-partum (infant fully formula fed) women (up to 6 months postpartum).
 4. \$10.00 to fully breastfeeding women (up to 1 year postpartum), women pregnant with multiples, and women partially breastfeeding multiples.
 5. \$15.00 to women exclusively breastfeeding multiples.
- B. The CVB/CVV shall be used to purchase fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables only. Refer to [ER# 2.06600](#) for full list of approved and not approved foods.
- C. LWP staff should provide the following education to the WIC participant and/or guardian about the CVB/CVV:
 - ~~1. How to calculate the amount of fresh produce to purchase with the CVB/CVV so as not to exceed the CVB/CVV amount.~~
 - ~~2. There is no money transaction between the vendor and participant.~~
 - ~~a. If the full CVV is not used the vendor will not redeem any money to the participant.~~
 - ~~b. The participant cannot go over the CVB/CVV dollar amount.~~
 1. The fruit and vegetable check has a maximum dollar amount printed on the check. If the participant has fruits and vegetables that exceed the dollar amount on the check, educate them with the following information: The participant can
 - a. Pay the difference using cash, check, credit/debit card or SNAP EBT card.
 - b. Pay the difference by using multiple fruit and vegetable checks together.

Example: More than one CVB/CVV can be used for one purchase, example: one \$8 and one \$10 CVB/CVV can be used for one purchase for a total of \$18. The vendor will then

write \$8 on the \$8 CVB/CVV and the remainder of the amount on the \$10 CVB/CVV. Some stores may only be able to allow one fruit and vegetable check for one purchase.

2. Tax will be applied to the difference if the participant pays with cash, check or credit/debit card.
3. If the fruit and vegetable purchase does not add up to the maximum amount printed on the check, the participant will not receive money back.
3. 4 CVB/CVV shall be redeemed at the contracted vendor grocery store.
4. 5 Vendors are required to put the purchase price dollar amount on the CVB/CVV.
5. ~~More than one CVBCVV can be used for one purchase, example: one \$8 and one \$10 CVBCVV can be used for one purchase for a total of \$18. The vendor will then write \$8 on the \$8 CVBCVV and the remainder of the amount (not to exceed) on the \$10 CVBCVV.~~
5. 6 ~~6. How to use the Fruit and Vegetable card that you provide in the Participant ID Folder for specifics on allowable fruits and vegetables that can be purchased with the CVBCVV.~~
7. If the participant chooses to go over the dollar amount on their fruit and vegetable check, they will have to pay the difference for the fruits and vegetables they are buying.